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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, PFOR, IS, LE
SUBJ: BEGIN/WALDHEIM ON UN FORCES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

REF: USUN 2344 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: IN CALL ON SEC GEN JULY 22 PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN PUSHED IDEA OF UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES BEING
INSTALLED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. HIS CRITERIA, HOWEVER,
SEEMED TO USYG URQUHART AND PERHAPS TO WALDHEIM TO BE
UNREALISTIC. END SUMMARY

1. URQUHART DEBRIEFED ON BEGIN'S VISIT TO LEONARD LATE
JULY 22. THIS MESSAGE DEALS ONLY WITH POSSIBILITY OF UN
PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN LEBANON.

2. BEGIN RAISED SUBJECT AT OUTSET OF MEETING WITH
WALDHEIM CALLING ON STAFF AIDE TO BRING IN LARGE MAP
OF SOUTHERN LEBANON WHILE PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE STILL
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IN ROOM. (BEGIN IMPLIED SUPPORT FOR UN FORCE IN PRESS
CONFERENCE FOLLOWING CALL ON WALDHEIM,) SAYING HE HAD SAID
SAME THING TO SYG AS HE HAD TO PRESIDENT CARTER.)

3. BEGIN ARGUED THAT IT WAS VITAL TO DEFEND CHRISTIANS
IN SOUTHERN LEBANON FROM THEIR MOSLEM ENEMIES. ISRAEL
WOULD WELCOME UN FORCE TO DO THIS ON TWO CONDITIONS:

(A) CONTINGENTS MUST COME FROM STATES WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND (B) UN TROOPS MUST BE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH PLO FORCES, AND WOULD HAVE "FULL RESPONSIBILITY" FOR KEEPING THEM NORTH OF LITANI RIVER.

4. WALDHEIM IN RESPONSE POINTED OUT THAT UN COULD INSTALL FORCES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON ONLY WITH ASSENT OF GOVERNMENT CONCERNED AND WITH MANDATE FROM SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ALSO TOLD BEGIN, THOUGH PERHAPS NOT AT THIS POINT IN CONVERSATION, THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO FIND HIM SO POSITIVE ON UN PEACEKEEPING ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST.

5. BEGIN INDICATED THAT HE WAS THINKING OF UN FORCES ONLY FOR LIMITED PERIOD UNTIL LEBANESE ARMY COULD BE BUILT UP TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

6. URQUHART, WHO GENERALLY IS AN ACTIVIST ABOUT UN ROLE IN CRISES, COMMENTED THAT TASK BEGIN OUTLINED FOR UN WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PERHAPS BEYOND EVEN ITS BEST CAPABILITIES.

7. URQUHART LEAVES FOR SEVERAL WEEKS VACATION TONIGHT AND WALDHEIM LEAVES TOMORROW FOR CHINA SO FURTHER ACTION FROM SECRETARIAT IS UNLIKELY UNTIL ARAB REACTIONS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED.
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